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TREMORS KEEP TENTS OCCUPIED

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1. GREEK PRESIDENT TSATSOS MADE FOUR-DAY VISIT
HERE AUGUST 5-8. THE PRESIDENT INAUGURATED AN INTERNATIONAL
SEMINAR (ON 2300 ANNIVERSARY OF LATTER'S
DEATH) AND FIRST EXHIBIT OF SOME OF LAST YEAR'S FINDINGS
AT PHILIP'S TOMB, TWO EVENTS WHICH TOGETHER WITH BALKAN
GAMES (SEE ATHENS 6899) AND A SMALL INTERNATIONAL
TENNIS TOURNAMENT NEXT WEEK WILL HOPEFULLY GIVE
THE CITY A NEEDED BOOST. PRESIDENT VISITED VILLAGES
OUTSIDE CITY WHICH WERE NEAR EPICENTERS AND
TOURED THESSALONIKI EXTENSIVELY. PRESIDENT IS
POPULAR FIGURE HERE, BUT HIS REMARK THAT 95 PER CENT OF
TENTS WERE NO LONGER BEING USED (IMPLYING PEOPLE
HAD RETURNED TO THEIR APARTMENTS) RANKLED. BECAUSE
HE VISITED TENTS DURING MIDDAY HEAT AND TENTS ARE
USED FOR SLEEPING ONLY, HE DID IN FACT FIND MOST
EMPTY. ONE DOES SEE A FEW APARTMENTS LIGHTED NOW WHICH
WERE DARK A WEEK AGO, BUT THESSALONIANS STILL HAVE NOT RETURNED
IN LARGE NUMBERS TO THEIR APARTMENT DWELLINGS.
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MANY THESSALONIANS ARE COMMUTING DAILY FROM SUBURBS
AND OUTLYING VILLAGES 50 AND 75 KILOMETERS
AWAY. STILL OTHERS ARE OUT OF AREA ALTOGETHER.

WE DONT EXPECT SIGNIFICANT RETURN UNTIL SEPTEMBER.

2. MOST RESIDENTS FELT A TREMOR SUNDAY MORNING

AUGUST 6 (4.1 RICHTER) WHICH WAS
FOLLOWED AN HOUR LATER BY A 3.7 RICHTER TREMOR.
THERE HAVE BEEN LESSER TREMORS
EACH DAY THIS WEEK. ALTHOUGH
THESE TREMORS ARE NOT CAUSING DAMAGE, ON AUGUST
10 DANGEROUS CRACKS APPEARED IN THE CENTRAL DOME OF THE
SAINT SOFIA CATHEDRAL, THE 8TH CENTURY CHURCH
WITH A UNIQUE MOSAIC OF THE ASCENSION. THE CHURCH
IS NOW CLOSED PENDING ESTIMATION OF DAMAGE.

3. OUR CHECK WITH A FEW LOCAL BANKS INDICATES
THAT LOAN APPLICANTS ARE BEGINNING TO TRICKLE IN,
BUT PROCEDURE FOR LOAN APPROVAL PROMISES TO
BE LENGTHY.
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